

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Mayor James D. Lienhoop called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor David Bosley with Day Spring Church of God.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lienhoop.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Elaine Wagner, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Timothy Shuffett, Laurie Booher, and Thomas Dell were present. Dascal Bunch was absent.
- D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on February 2, 2016 as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. None

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2016 AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY." (Behren Court Vacation) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this ordinance. He explained the Kroot Corporation is requesting a portion of public right-of-way for Behren Court, adjacent to their facility, be vacated. Jeff displayed a photograph of the area. He stated the right-of-way is a cul-de-sac and is almost completely surrounded by property owned and used by the Kroot Corporation. Councilor Jerome questioned if this was city property. Jeff confirmed that it is city property. Councilor Jerome stated he does not see any advantage to give up city property. Councilor Wagner commented that an advantage to the city would be through property tax assessments since the Kroot Corporation will be making improvements to the property. Councilor Dell asked if the property owners, contiguous to this property, are in agreement to the right-of-way vacation. Jeff stated the other property owner also signed the application submitted by the Kroot Corporation. Councilor Booher commented that the Council's role is to help the community and if this helps a local business then it is beneficial. Much discussion followed. Mayor Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Justin Hohn, 2052 Iroquois Trail, commented that the Council should ask whether there is a cost to the city and the presumption should always be in favor of a private business. Mayor Lienhoop closed the meeting for public comment. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five in favor and one opposed. Councilor Jerome voted nay.

B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2016 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, APPROVING ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT." Heather Pope, Redevelopment Director, introduced Bruce Donaldson with Barnes & Thornburg LLP. She explained at the last Council meeting a request was presented to direct the Redevelopment Commission to issue and sign all necessary paperwork to start the process of refinancing two redevelopment bonds for the Jackson Street Parking Garage. Heather stated this is the next step in the process of a formal request to issue the bonds. Mayor Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Ken Fudge asked about Redevelopment Commission members and questioned Councilor Jerome's influence and discussion with redevelopment commissioners. Mayor Lienhoop explained that, as a liaison, Councilor Jerome has the ability to discuss action items, but is not a voting member. Russ Poling, Sassafras Lane, questioned the refinancing savings to the city. Councilor Shuffett stated after fees the savings is approximately \$680,000. Justin Hohn asked when the bonds would be repaid. Bruce stated the maturity date would remain the same, January 15, 2027. Mayor Lienhoop closed the meeting for public comment. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

C. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2016 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO AMEND SPECIFIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS THE AMENDED 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET." Matt Caldwell, Director of Operations and Finance presented this resolution. He explained the request is to amend the 2016 capital budget list by reallocating funds due to project changes or dollar amounts. Matt discussed the changes and stated the overall total remains the same. Councilor Miller asked how the Hurst equipment would be funded. Matt explained when squad one replacement goes out for bid the Hurst equipment will be part of the bid process, in addition to other tools needed for the squad. Mayor Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Russ Poling expressed concerns regarding funding for Hurst equipment and miscellaneous grants. He read a definition of capital funding and suggested grants be separated from the capital funding list. Councilor Shuffett stated the grants are coming from Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) funds with expenditures at the discretion of the Mayor. Joe Swaim stated at the corner of Brooks and Illinois Streets there is water coming up from the ground and questioned if any of this money is being allocated for infrastructure. Mayor Lienhoop stated he will ask the City Engineer to investigate the issue at Brooks and Illinois Streets. Ken Fudge questioned the definition of miscellaneous grants. Mayor Lienhoop explained that money will come off of the capital plan and be moved back into the regular EDIT plan. He stated some economic development projects have been identified and he also anticipates receiving some grant requests. Justin Hohn asked why the line item is called miscellaneous grants and should instead be called EDIT fund return. Discussion followed. Councilor Miller made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Councilor Miller made a motion to amend the resolution striking the words *miscellaneous grants* to be replaced with *refund to EDIT*. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion to amend. Motion to amend the Resolution passes by a vote of five in favor and one opposed. Councilor Jerome voted nay. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the resolution as amended. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

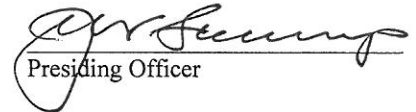
IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Councilor Booher made a motion to nominate Al Roszczyk to the Columbus Redevelopment Commission. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.


Councilor Miller reported that the subgroup researching information for the Animal Care - control ordinance has met once and Councilor Miller is reaching out to other communities for recommendations.

- B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**

- C. Councilor Wagner made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 P.M


Presiding Officer

Attest:


Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus